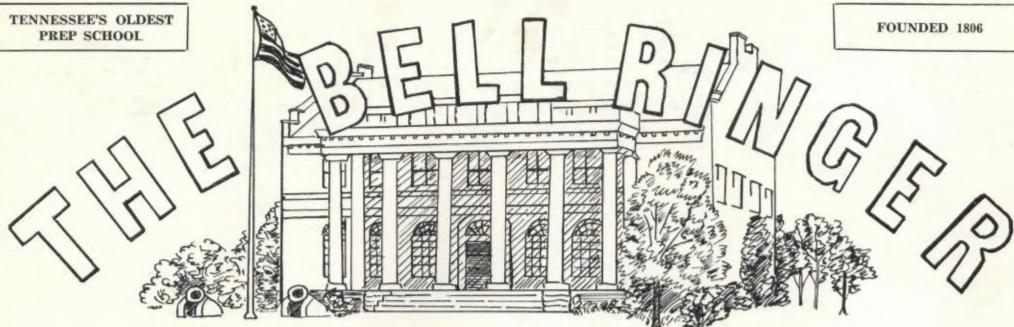


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# HI-Y YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

## KEY CLUB CONVENTION

On Thursday, March 22, Key Club members from MBA, along with members from other Nashville clubs, met at West High to leave for the annual Key Club convention. This year the meeting was held in Lexington, Kentucky. Representatives from Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and a few from Virginia were in attendance.

On Friday morning, the convention registration was held. This was followed by the Kick-Off Luncheon. Chuck Herman, the governor for the past year, presided and welcomed the different clubs. "Prove Brotherhood" was announced as the theme of the convention. In the afternoon, the entire delegation was taken for a tour of some magnificent horse farms. Following supper, the boys were entertained by a talent and speaking contest.

Saturday morning various meetings convened to nominate and elect candidates for governor. These meetings were followed by a luncheon at which time plans were announced for the rest of the meeting. Training was given during the afternoon to the newly elected officers. That night came the final banquet, where awards for the talent contests were given. The new governor, Jimmy Gross, was also announced. Following the banquet, the Governor's Ball was held. Every one enjoyed dancing to the good band. After a full week end and many new experiences, the boys returned to their homes.

Members of MBA's Key Club has once again taken high honors in interscholastic forensic competition. On Saturday, March tenth, the five representatives from our school spoke in the Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League's contest at Clarksville. Held under the direction of Austin Peay State College, the meet included Middle Tennessee schools as Hillsboro, West, Central, Litton, Antioch, Bellevue, Clarksville, East, Donelson, and Lipscomb. Our boys competed in five different divisions. They included Declamation (Sam Vail), Poetry Interpretation (Dick Sobel), Declamation (George Sloan), Extemp Speaking (Rollin Lassetter), and Poetry Interpretation (Harry Lawson).

## Miss Thompson Recovering Satisfactorily

We here at M.B.A. are very happy to learn that Miss Loreen Thompson, eighth grade teacher, is recovering satisfactorily from a recent operation.

Ever since Miss Thompson came to M.B.A. thirteen years ago she has been a friend to high school and junior boys alike. Her friendly smile and words of encouragement have brightened the day of many a student. We all will be glad to see her back in school again.

Tony Edmonds



## JIM PERRY AND JOHN PROVINE WIN TOP SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Based on their grade averages for the first seven semesters at M.B.A., Jim Perry and John Provine have been named Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively of this year's senior class.

Perry took first honors by ringing up an average of 96.68 while Provine's average was 95.48. Perry spent his full four years at M.B.A. while Provine attended only three, his junior year being spent at Marion Institute in Alabama where his father is President.

Perry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Perry of 1501 Compton Avenue and attended Stokes Elementary school. Since coming to M.B.A., Jim has won many scholastic honors and has been active in various clubs as well as a cheerleader for the school. Provine started to M.B.A. in the seventh grade and during his two years in the Junior school won practically all of the class medals. His high scholastic work was continued in high school. John also took part in various school activities and clubs. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. Provine, now of Marion, Alabama but formerly President of Ward-Belmont College.

Perry expects to do his college work at Vanderbilt while Provine expects to go either to Harvard or Yale.

## M.B.A. Cops Meet

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## New Key Club Officers

Recently the Key Club of M.B.A. elected new officers for next year. The following officers were chosen:

President.....Jody Wallace  
Vice-President.....Brad Reed  
Secretary.....Wade Elam  
Treasurer.....Rollin Lassetter  
Senior Director....John Brothers  
Junior Director.....George McGugin

All of these boys, with the exception of Rollin Lassetter, attended the Key Club convention in Lexington, Ky. Brad Reed has been elected Lieutenant-Governor for this district. Congratulations, boys!

## Hi-Y Club Publishes a Student Directory

The Hi-Y Club of M.B.A. has rendered a fine service to the school this year by publishing a convenient-size 8-page student directory which contains the names, addresses, and phone numbers of students and faculty members. This is the second time in four years that the club has published such a book and it

## M.B.A. Boys Take College Board Exams

College Board examinations were held on March 17th at Isaac Litton High School for high school seniors from all over Middle Tennessee who are interested in entering schools which require these tests for entrance. Boys who competed in the examinations were: Ivan Brown, Slayden Diehl, John Provine, Jimmy Rule, Jim Cecil, Sam Vail, Dick Sobel, Tommy Frist and Philip Boyd.

In the morning sessions the scholastic aptitude tests were given while in the afternoon achievement tests were given. The aptitude tests were divided into six half-hour tests while each of the achievement tests were one hour each.

We wish to boys competing the best, not only on the tests but in their college days to follow.

## Math Teams To Match Wits At Austin Peay

Twenty-four of M.B.A.'s highest ranking math students will compete against the State's best scholars in mathematics at Austin Peay State College April 20th in a contest sponsored by the Galois Mathematics Club of that school. This sponsored annually by the club in Clarksville but this will be the first trip to the contest for the Maroon representatives. Last year 219 students from 29 schools took part in the affair.

Four contests will be held in Algebra 1, Algebra 2, plane geometry and comprehensive mathematics respectively. The latter contest is for seniors and will cover algebra, plane and solid geometry and trigonometry. The contest will be held in two-hour sessions beginning at 9:30 on Friday, April 20th. M.B.A. will enter two teams of three boys each in the four contests. The freshmen and junior representatives have not yet been picked but the following boys have been named in the sophomore and senior classes: In Algebra 1, Tommy Murphree, Bill Barr, Ira Parker, Walton Williams, Ed Creagh and Alan Purdy.

Billy Morehead, John Provine, Jim Perry, Dick Sobel, Slayden Diehl and Jimmy Rule. All boys won the honor by virtue of their grades in math so far this year.

Team trophies and individual medals will be presented the winners and we feel that the M.B.A. representatives will do themselves proud in the contest.

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On Friday, April 6th, members of the Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y clubs from all sections of Tennessee converged on the state Capitol for the third Tennessee Y.M.C.A. Youth Assembly. The members of the Youth Assembly simply assume all the duties of members of the state legislature.

MBA's own Ivan Brown was nominated for governor from District I. Other candidates included Bobby Joe Coleman from Crossville, Bill Bond of Memphis, and Tommy Freeman of Elizabethton. Dick Sobel delivered a brilliant nominating speech for Mr. Brown. After the first ballot the two top vote-getters were voted on again to determine the governor. On the first ballot Ivan and Bobby Joe Coleman received the most votes. On the second ballot Coleman was elected.

Members attending the convention from MBA were as follows:

House of Representatives: Slayden Diehl, Quimby Seawell, Buddy Rackard, Sam Vail, James Wood, Wade Elam, Jimmy Thurman, Jack Oman, Jimmy Rule, Jim Kellam, Russell Hooper.

Senate: Emmett Dozier, Brad Reed, Jodie Wallace, Eddie White.

Dick Sobel served as chaplain of the House of Representatives and did an outstanding job.

Members of the House and Senate discussed and voted on bills in the same manner as do members of the state legislature.

A Youth Legislature banquet was held Saturday night at the First Baptist Church. Awards for the best statesmen in the Senate were presented to Lee Slaughter of Memphis and in the House to Terry Davis of Memphis.

The Governor's Ball was held later in the evening in the Y.M.C.A. building. All the delegates had a very enjoyable time.

Sunday morning there was a worship service at the Upper Room Chapel. This service brought the Assembly officially to a close.

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## CLASS NEWS

### Junior School News

"Hot Shot" Weesner gets his teeth knocked out and his jawbone broken by friendly horse. He says it didn't faze him a bit.

Killebrew's khakis turn a new shade of black. He spills a bottle of ink on them.

Mrs. Horn disapproves of softball shirts in class.

Junior School 7ths are planning on a trip and a home movie. The excursion to Evan's bank might be postponed unless we get some more cars to haul us. If we go we are sure to get back before gym. Movie is to be furnished by Harwell. They were taken by Harwell while in Europe and have to be shown on a cloudy day. We all are hoping he has some pictures in 3 D of those Italian movie stars. Little Hutch got back from Florida in time for these coming events.

Hale claims he went off twenty foot skiing platform at Cypress Gardens. He looks like it, shoo nuff.

Hutchison also went to Florida. It was a bad day for the man-of-war.

Ned visits 7th. Campbell gets white washing. Not much chalk left in the room.

### Freshmen News

Howdy do there. How's every little thing? Boy, is it awful with me? Well we made it again, but with luck. I guess that's just the way the old ball bounces.

FLASH: From the Freshman department, Mrs. Sims sick, all Frosh mourn! Reportedly first time in her career. Actually we were all sorry that she was sick

### Junior News

As the spring sap rises the Junior energy goes down. Hold up, boys, it is just a few short weeks now. There were picnics over the holidays but Cuba and Leo had the best. How about it "Angel Pie"? Harm, Hots, Dear and a few of the men took in a couple of picnics and open houses for a busy last night of holidaying.

McDougall, Clements, and Reed spanking the fuzzy ball as tennis season gets under way. Wallace, Herbert, Hoffer, Cole and Campbell also trying to climb up the ladder. Brothers and Murph spark cinder squad in white bucks and blue suede shoes.

Lexington, mangled by Key Clubbers, has brief reconstruction period after convention. Elam and Wallace still talking about Lois and Betty. I thought this was a stag affair.

### AN EDITORIAL It Challenges Their Best

There is something precious and different about a good high school newspaper—like many in the Middle Tennessee High School Press Association.

These papers, by and large, challenge the best that is in a student—appealing to honor, ambition, sportsmanship, spirit and belief in life as an opportunity.

Not only do these papers serve as mirrors of their schools—but they also brighten the picture a bit, with touches of the rainbow and yet unachieved goals.

Their editorials appeal to the better selves of students, offering striking examples of ideals that find expression in student behavior and community activities.

We are convinced that high school papers provide our schools with a medium of expression and our students with an opportunity for growth—not found in any other school activity.  
(Ben A. Green of *The Nashville Banner*—MTHSPA technical adviser.)

### Deacon's Dissertations

We are coming closer to the time when our college applications will be due. What will be put in the blanks labeled **activities**? Will they still be blank when read by the university admission committees? They don't have to be, you know. A student at MBA could have an impressive list of extracurriculars—if he wanted it. To name a few there are the Hi-Y Club, Forensic Club, Glee Club, Key Club, Senior and Junior Honor Societies, the annual staff, The Bell Ringer staff, football, basketball, track, tennis, scholastic medals, as well as others. Why do some choose to ignore them? The main reason may perhaps be this: "What will I get out of it?"

Anyone at MBA has the opportunity to make a name for himself. He will, in making a **name**, make **himself**. We are molded by our activities just as much as vases are molded as turn on the potter's wheel. Here at MBA—now, and not in the future—we become **ourselves**. Here we establish the pattern. It is my firm belief that everyone has his place in life. It is up to the individual to find his own place. At MBA we also have a place. It is up to the individual to carve that place.

### Sophomore News

Track teams mourns as Carpenter refuses to run 440 this year. Plane spotter Jewell Bradley flying. Bradley reported as unidentified object. Morris also flying but unseen. Franklin invaded by MBA. There was a woman's touch in Grant's project. Chug-alug fixes aqueduct to run from cellar to his room. Hamilton finds it doesn't pay to eat in building. Now goes behind the gym. Congratulations to Math brains Murphree, Barr, Parker, W. Williams, Ed Creagh and Purdy who will represent the Soph class in math in competition at Clarksville April 20th. We are expecting you boys to bring home the bacon. Math classes welcome the study of logarithms as relief from the first nine weeks of study in theory of equations. Also congrats to Ed Creagh who represents class on the varsity tennis team and Duke who is making a name for himself in track.

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## Personalities of the Month



Billy Morehead

The Bell Ringer is happy and proud to announce Billy Morehead as a Personality of the Month. Billy came to MBA as a freshman from Parmer School. That year he was pledged by the Alpha Chi Fraternity in which he has taken a very active part. Billy is also a member and a regular attendant of St. George's Episcopal Church.

For three years, Morehead has played varsity football and in that time he has proven himself to be a great player. Aside from football, Billy has been varsity basketball manager for two years and has played baseball for the past three years. This year Billy was elected vice-president of the student council. Here on the hill, Billy is truly an outstanding boy.

Favorite subject.....Math  
Most hated subject...All others  
Favorite actress...Terry Moore  
Favorite food.....Pizza  
Most disliked food.....Shrimp



Dick Sager

The Bell Ringer staff feels that it has chosen wisely in selecting Dick Sager, a very deserving boy, as one of the Personalities of the Month. Dick came to MBA in the seventh grade from Woodmont School and since that time has built for himself a high ranking position among all the boys. Among the activities of the school in which Dick participates are the Hi-Y, Key Club, annual staff paper staff, Freedon Foundation, his junior and senior years. Sager has been a cheerleader for the past two years. Dick is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he is very active in youth work, and he belongs to the Alpha Chi Fraternity.

Dick plans to attend college at Vanderbilt and study engineering. We wish him all good luck in every thing which he undertakes.

Favorite teacher...No favorite  
Favorite subject.....Math  
Favorite past time.....Working in Mrs. Rule's lunchroom.  
Favorite food....Green beans



Slayden Diehl

Slayden Diehl has been chosen as one of the personalites of the month and a good selection it is, for Slayden is truly one of our outstanding students and a fine Christian gentleman with it. While he came to us for only his last two years after spending his freshman and sophomore years at Webb School, he has won many friends and proved himself to be a true friend himself. He spent his grade school days at Woodmont school.

Slayden is a member of the Alpha Chi fraternity and this year serves as Sergeant-at-Arms of this organization. He is a member of the Belmont Methodist Church where he is a regular attendant and a hard worker.

Everyone around the campus knows Slayden for his happy smile and friendly attitude. They know him to be loyal to the school and steady in his studies. He is a great asset to the school and to his class. We feel that we have chosen a boy as justly deserves the honor and we feel that he will be a credit to the institution from which he will be graduated this year.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite food.....Steak  
Most Disliked food.....Turnip greens  
Favorite sport.....Swimming  
Favorite actress....Liz Taylor

## Girl of the Month



Carol Davidson

The Bell Ringer announces this month's "Girl of the Month" as Carol Davidson. The Bell Ringer staff is proud to have Carol as their "Girl of the Month."

After leaving Overbrook School, where she attended grammar school, Carol enrolled in St. Bernard Academy. She is now a sophomore at St. Bernard and takes an active part in school activities. Tennis is one of her favorite pastimes and she is a member of her school's tennis team.

As a freshman, Miss Davidson pledged to the Kappa Delta Theta Sorority in which she takes a prominent part. During her freshman year, she was elected sergeant-at-arms and at the end of the year she was chosen Best Kappa Freshman.

Carol is one of the new cheerleaders who MBA elected at the beginning of this school year. At all times whether good or bad, she has really put her heart into supporting the teams. Truly, Carol has done a fine job.

MBA and the staff of the Bell Ringer are proud and consider it an honor to have such a fine, outstanding young lady, Carol Davidson, as "Girl of the Month."

### Assembly Programs

The appearance of Dr. Kearnie Keegan at a recent assembly program was both entertaining and thought provoking. Dr. Keegan, who is Student Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, knew just how to capture the interest of his audience with his comments while playing the piano. He also proved himself to be an excellent singer. He followed this with a serious talk which was both timely and interesting.

Mr. John Sloan was responsible for having Mr. Keegan appear with us and we are very grateful to him as we will long remember Dr. Keegan.

Another assembly program that was interesting to the students was the appearance of the Peabody Demonstration School Glee Club. This group was composed of both male and female voices and, while not a large group, gave us some fine harmony and good interpretation on several numbers. One of the outstanding features of the program was the fine work of Wally Wolfe who pleased the crowd with his solo work.

### SPRING SPORTS 1956

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NIL. Although hit hard by graduation losing the entire record-setting 880 yard relay team, record setting hurdler Pete Thompson, and speedster Jack Herbert, this year's team should be equally as strong as its championship predecessors. The Maroon thinkade for 1956 and their respective events are:

100 yard dash—Billy Hunter, Jim Thurman

220 yard dash—Whit Watson, Frank Drowota

440 yard dash—Ivan Brown, Jim Thurman

880 yard dash—John Clay, Gene Shelton, Tommy Sloan  
Mile run—Phillip Boyd, Ransom White

880 yard relay—Billy Hunter, Whit Watson, Frank Drowota, Dave Duke

Mile relay—Ivan Brown, Dave Duke, Billy Hunter, Jim Thurman

Spring medley relay—Courtney Marshall, Clay Huddleston, Whit Watson, Dave Duke

2 mile relay—Ransom White, Phillip Boyd, Henry Hurt, Clay Huddleston

180 yard low hurdles—Mack Rolfe

120 yard high hurdles—Mack Rolfe, Henry Hurt

Shot put—Johnny Murphree, Tom Husband

Discus—Courtney Marshall, Don Brothers

High jump—Jim Wood, Henry Hurt

Broad jump—Courtney Marshall, Jim Thurman

### H-Y CLUB PUBLISHES

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The school's Forensic group

will also participate in a forensic contest sponsored by the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools. This meet is to be held at Vanderbilt University on Saturday, April 28. Our school will compete against such prep schools as Baylor, B.G.A., C.M.A., S.M.A., and Darlington. As usual we are certain that our forensic group will win honors at this contest comparable to their awards at Clarksville.

### FRANKLIN EDGES M B A

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Thurman (M), Barnhill (F);  
54.2

220 yard dash—Mays (B), Ingram (F), Rowlette (F): 23.5  
880 yard run—Frost (F), Edgemar (F), White (M): 2:09.7

Mile run—Rice (F), Maxwell (F), Boyd (M) 4:41

180 yard low hurdles—Rolle (M), Black (B), Denny (F): 22.4

120 yard high hurdles—Rolle (M), Hurt (M), Black (B): 16.05

Shot put—Husband (M), Keeton (F), Neely (B) 40' 8"

Discus—Marshall (M), Vaughn (F), Brothers (M) 117'

Pole vault—Joslins (F), Rowlette (F) 9'

High jump—Dillingham (B), Hurt (M), Clay (M) 5' 6"

Broad jump—Marshall (M), Barnhill (F), Thurman (M) 18' 5"

880 yard relay—Franklin, Bellevue, (MBA disqualified) 1:38.4

Two mile relay—Franklin, MBA, Bellevue 9:28.9

Mile relay—MBA, Franklin 3:48.8

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